

Lynnfield Select Board
Lynnfield Police Department
Lynnfield Fire Department
Lynnfield Conservation Commission
55 Summer Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940

July 24, 2023

Dear Lynnfield Officials:

The residents of Pillings Pond feel it is time to call your attention to the disturbing annoyance and abuse we are experiencing by people riding jet skis on our beloved pond.

Instances described in this letter have been contributed by several of the abutters that are dealing with the problem, so please understand this is not just one persons concern but the concerns of many. I have been asked to be a representative on their behalf in order to avoid any confrontation similar to what has happened in the past.

To begin, there is only one launching ramp on the pond located at the end of Highland Avenue. All water craft (except small row boats and kayaks that can be launched at Rotary Park) are launched into the pond from that ramp. The streets are narrow and the homes are very close together. Parking is a serious problem. At times we fear that emergency vehicles will be blocked from their destination because vehicles with boat trailers attached are parked on our streets. Some have left their vehicles in the middle of the boat ramp with the attached trailer in the water. There are two no parking signs on the ramp but they are ignored. This is a serious safety issue leaving the Fire Department with no access to the pond if an emergency occurs because of the vehicles blocking the ramp. The homes abutting the ramp have lost all privacy. Neighbors have tried to explain this to the offenders and get screamed at and told to go home and mind your own business.

It is known that a Dealer who sells Jet Skis (believed to be from out of town) brings his clients and several craft to the pond so the customers can try out the product. He says it helps them decide which one they want to buy. These people race back and forth then do continuous circles in the water. The circles create waves for them to jump. Conservation has placed low wake buoys in the channel adjacent to the ramp, but, they are ignored. In fact they circle the buoys in order to create the waves. Those waves are creating land erosion on property around the pond and especially around Belleview Island. Trees have fallen into the water due to the erosion and some are now leaning and will do the same. Massachusetts Laws states that Jet Skis must stay 150ft. away from shore line. The pond is not much more than 150ft. across in the ramp area. Conservation laws do not allow us to build walls to prevent that erosion. Many are losing their property due to these antics.

The first day of treatment to the pond there were four Jet Skis out there doing their thing, plus, the people were swimming off the ramp and the jet skis. Again, a neighbor

There are, approximately, 250 homes that are directly, or indirectly, affected by the conditions of the pond and the activities that take place there.

We need help. Our lives are being interrupted by people that have no respect not only for the pond but for the residents that live here. We are asking our Town Officials for that help. We are simply looking for answers on how to handle these problems in a legal and safe way.

Is it possible to request a meeting with the head of departments, myself and one other abutter who lives a good distance away from ramp area but is also affected?

Our thoughts are that it would be helpful if we could meet with the following:

Town Manager – Robert Dolan

Police Chief – Nick Secatore

Conservation Director – Emilie Cademartori

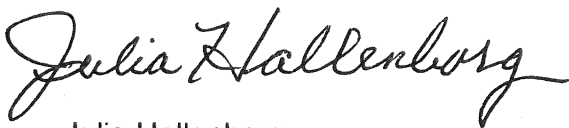
Sub-Committee Chair – Kirk Mansfield

A small meeting that would allow us to ask questions and get an idea, from those of you in charge, the best way to deal with these problems without causing more problems.

I am a 65 year resident of the pond and, again, I am addressing this at the request of many other residents looking for a peaceful solution rather than going to petition or storming the Select Boards meeting.

Please let me know if the meeting I requested is possible.

Respectfully,



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